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Add at the end of division D the following:

1 TITLE VII—UNITED STATES COM-
2 MITMENT TO PEACEKEEPING

3 SEC. 30701. STATEMENT OF POLICY CONCERNING UNITED
4 STATES ENGAGEMENT REGARDING UNITED
5 NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS.

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—It is the policy of the United
7 States that the Permanent Representative of the United
8 States to the United Nations—

9 (1) support the development and implementa-
10 tion of standard performance assessment systems
11 and investigative measures to identify exemplary
12 performance and address mission-specific and sys-
13 tem-wide weaknesses;

14 (2) support the full implementation of a man-
15 agement reform agenda that decentralizes decision-
16 making authority, simplifies and streamlines policy
17 and processes, and strengthens accountability and
18 transparency for managing United Nations offices
19 and functions;

1 (3) advocate for the development of a common
2 political strategy in-country among relevant actors,
3 including regional organizations, Member States,
4 international financial institutions, and United Na-
5 tions agencies, funds, and programs;

6 (4) advocate for robust engagement with host
7 countries and local communities, including pushing
8 for resources to be directed to community-led peace
9 initiatives;

10 (5) support efforts to deploy more mobile,
11 adaptable, and agile forces for more effective peace-
12 keeping operations;

13 (6) support the development of a system-wide
14 strategy on sustainable peacekeeping transitions that
15 ensure planning and decision-making is based on
16 measurable benchmarks, including ensuring the pro-
17 tection of civilians;

18 (7) lead and advocate for efforts to promote
19 and protect internationally recognized human rights
20 standards regarding United Nations peacekeeping
21 operations, including the robust funding and support
22 of human rights positions;

23 (8) advocate for efforts to develop a more com-
24 prehensive plan for accountability and justice, par-
25 ticularly relating to tracking misconduct and inclu-

1 sion of survivors in decision-making, for peace-
2 keepers and other United Nations staff involved in
3 sexual exploitation, abuse, or other violations of
4 human rights that contravene United Nations and
5 United States rules, regulations, or values; and

6 (9) engage in dialogue with Member States to
7 secure a more favorable modification of United Na-
8 tions scales of assessments of the peacekeeping
9 budget that works to diversify the funding base and
10 create a sustainable funding plan.

11 (b) ADVOCACY OF PEACEKEEPING REFORMS AT THE
12 UNITED NATIONS.—The Secretary of State shall instruct
13 the Permanent Representative of the United States to the
14 United Nations to use the voice, vote, and influence of the
15 United States at the United Nations to accomplish the
16 policy specified in subsection (a), consistent with the na-
17 tional security interests of the United States.

18 **SEC. 30702. REPEAL OF THE 25 PERCENT CAP ON UNITED**
19 **STATES CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNITED NA-**
20 **TIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 404 of
22 the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years
23 1994 and 1995 (Public Law 103–236; 22 U.S.C. 287e
24 note; relating to a limitation on United States contribu-

1 tions to United Nations peacekeeping operations) is re-
2 pealed.

3 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
4 Section 404 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act,
5 Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 is amended by striking “(a)
6 REASSESSMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS PERCENTAGES.—”.

7 **SEC. 30703. REPORTS ON UNITED STATES EFFORTS TO**
8 **ACHIEVE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING**
9 **REFORM.**

10 Section 4 of the United Nations Participation Act of
11 1945 (22 U.S.C. 287b) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (c)—

13 (A) in paragraph (3)—

14 (i) by striking subparagraph (B); and

15 (ii) redesignating subparagraph (C) as
16 subparagraph (B);

17 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and
18 (5) as paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively;

19 (C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
20 following new paragraph:

21 “(4) UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING RE-
22 FORM.—A description of the status of United States
23 efforts in the United Nations to ensure the United
24 Nations—

1 “(A) develops and implements standard
2 peacekeeping operation performance assessment
3 systems and investigative measures to identify
4 exemplary performance and address operation-
5 specific and system-wide weaknesses;

6 “(B) fully implements a management re-
7 form agenda that decentralizes decision-making
8 authority, simplifies and streamlines policy and
9 processes, and strengthens accountability and
10 transparency for managing United Nations of-
11 fices and functions;

12 “(C) develops for each peacekeeping oper-
13 ation a common political strategy in-country
14 among relevant actors, including regional orga-
15 nizations, Member States, international finan-
16 cial institutions, and United Nations agencies,
17 funds, and programs;

18 “(D) fully engages with host countries and
19 local communities, including directing resources
20 to community-led peace initiatives;

21 “(E) deploys more mobile, adaptable, and
22 agile forces for more effective peacekeeping op-
23 erations;

24 “(F) develops a system-wide strategy on
25 sustainable peacekeeping transitions that en-

1 sure planning and decision-making is based on
2 measurable benchmarks, including ensuring the
3 protection of civilians;

4 “(G) implements a system-wide strategy to
5 protect internationally recognized human rights
6 standards within United Nations peacekeeping
7 operations, including robust funding and sup-
8 port of human rights positions within each
9 peacekeeping operation;

10 “(H) develops a more comprehensive plan
11 for accountability and justice, particularly relat-
12 ing to tracking misconduct and inclusion of sur-
13 vivors in decision-making, for peacekeepers and
14 other United Nations staff involved in sexual
15 exploitation, abuse, or other violations of
16 human rights that contravene United Nations
17 and United States rules, regulations, or values;
18 and

19 “(I) modifies the United Nations scales of
20 assessments of the peacekeeping budget to di-
21 versify the funding base and create a sustain-
22 able funding plan.”; and

23 (2) in subsection (d)(5), by striking subpara-
24 graph (B).

1 **SEC. 30704. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

2 (a) STRENGTHENING CONFLICT PREVENTION IN
3 UNITED NATIONS MISSIONS.—Not later than 180 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional
6 committees a report analyzing the ways in which conflict
7 prevention aspects of United Nations missions may be
8 strengthened. Such report shall include—

9 (1) an analysis of the performance of existing
10 early warning and rapid response systems and rec-
11 ommendations for the improvement of such systems;

12 (2) an analysis on the performance of the civil-
13 ian components of United Nations special political
14 missions and peacekeeping operations and rec-
15 ommendations for strengthening such components;

16 (3) recommendations on how other United Na-
17 tions entities, including the United Nations
18 Peacebuilding Fund, special political missions, and
19 other agencies, funds, and programs could be better
20 coordinated in a joint strategy; and

21 (4) an assessment of the costs and benefits of
22 the Department of State and the United States
23 Agency for International Development sharing risk
24 analysis data with select multilateral organizations,
25 under specific circumstances, to better promote con-

1 flict prevention before peacekeeping engagement is
2 needed.

3 (b) ENSURING CONSIDERATIONS FOR MISSION
4 TRANSITIONS ARE BASED ON COMPREHENSIVE ASSESS-
5 MENTS OF CONFLICT DYNAMICS AND RISKS TO CIVIL-
6 IANS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
7 actment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit
8 to the appropriate congressional committees a report that
9 analyzes the observed challenges, costs, and benefits of
10 transitioning United Nations peacekeeping operations to
11 host-country security forces, including—

12 (1) case studies of communities that maintained
13 peace and stabilization gains compared with commu-
14 nities that experienced a resurgence in instability, vi-
15 olence, or conflict at least five years after such a
16 transition;

17 (2) an analysis of the transition process and the
18 effectiveness of measures to maintain long-term
19 peace; and

20 (3) an assessment of any additional resources
21 needed to maintain peace and stabilization gains
22 achieved after such a transition.

23 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
24 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
25 sional committees” means—

- 1 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
- 2 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and
- 3 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
- 4 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
- 5 resentatives.

